

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. No claims have been canceled. Claims 1, 14, 23 and 38 have been amended to more properly define preexisting claim limitations and are supported by the specification.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-18, 20-27, 29-35 and 38-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,469,711 of Foreman et al. ("Foreman").

Applicants thank the Examiner and the supervisor for the courtesy of the telephone interview on August 17 2004, in which was discussed the claimed limitation of modifying the inconsistent presentation attributes of the plurality of presentation images to have consistent presentation attributes. The Examiners indicated that they interpreted the claim of modifying the inconsistent presentation attributes to be similar to editing the special effects transitions as disclosed in Foreman, column 12, lines 14-17.

The Examiners also pointed out during the interview that they interpret two video clips to be inconsistent and that Foreman uses a special effect to make the transition from one video clip to the other video clip consistent. Furthermore, in part, the Examiners interpreted the claim of modifying the presentation attributes to be similar to a fade-out type of special effect that, for example, fades the color or size of a film image during the transitions from one film clip to another film clip.

Applicants respectfully disagree with this interpretation of the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the limitation of modifying the inconsistent presentation attributes, as claimed, is not similar to adding special effects at transitions as disclosed in Foreman. As discussed in Foreman, a special effect is applied to transitions between two clips. A special

effect transition is not used to modify the two clips or to modify inconsistent presentation attributes of a plurality of presentation images to have consistent presentation attributes as claimed.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Foreman does not disclose the limitation of “automatically modifying the inconsistent presentation attributes” as claimed in amended claims 1, 14, 23, and 38. Rather, Foreman discloses a user interface that allows a user to manually select the special effect to be applied to transitions between two clips. Manually selecting special effects is clearly not the same as automatically modifying the inconsistent presentation images by a processor, as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Foreman does not disclose each and every element of claims 1, 14, 23, and 38 under 35 USC §102(e). Claims 2-13, 15-22, 24-35 and 39-41 are dependent on one of the claims 1, 14, 23 and 38, and hence are patentable, at least for the reasons stated above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-18, 20-27, 29-35 and 38-40 under 35 USC §102(e) be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6, 19, 28 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,469,711 of Foreman et al. (“Foreman”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,940,806 of Danial (“Danial”).

As articulated above, claims 1, 14, 23 and 38, as amended, are patentable over Foreman. Danial fails to cure the underlying deficiencies of Foreman, because Danial fails to disclose the elements of or elements similar to “automatically modifying the inconsistent presentation attributes of the plurality of presentation images to have consistent presentation attributes” as discussed above. Hence, claims 6, 19, 28 and 41 are patentable over this combination of

references. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 6, 19, 28 and 41 under 35 USC §103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

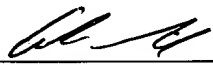
Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments and remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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